

Requiring Wireless Internet companies to contribute to the USF would be destructive to the USF's purpose. And I am appalled that it is even being considered. The very purpose of a wireless ISP is to bring Internet connectivity to rural underdeveloped areas where wired services are not cost effective to bring. Asking Wireless ISPs to pay into the USF would only take away needed capitol from WISP service providers that already are cost effectively bringing service to rural areas. It doesn't make sense to give our money to capitol rich ILECs that can't deliver services to these areas as cost effectively as WISPs. This in turn would reduce the efficiency and caliber of the USF, and limit the effectiveness of this program. This would creat a reverse Robin Hood effect where, funds were stolen from the poor (WISPS) and given to the capitol rich (ILECS) only so the ILECS could then charge the Public higher rates for less value, and reach fewer candidates. Rather than having

Wireless ISPs contribute to the Fund, Instead I propose, more USF funds be distributed out to Wireless ISPs, who have proven to more efficiently use the USF funds. I have read acticles quoting companies like WorldComm, stating that wireless connectivity is almost 50 times less expensive to deploy than wired and fiber alternatives. Wireless ISPs have the potential to drastically improved Internet coverage in under served markets, if they survive.

I ask the FCC to help us, help the public. Wireless ISPs need these revenues to survive. In any area, Wireless ISPs can often bring Internet Access to the public more cost effectively than wired services, but the public is denied that right in many Urban areas. We often find WISPs are not given rights to access tenants of tenant buildings and are denied roof rights by management companies, since ILECs are already serving the buildings. WISPs have gotten little support from the FCC in solving this issue. I don't see any reason to created additional disadvantages for Wireless ISPs.

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